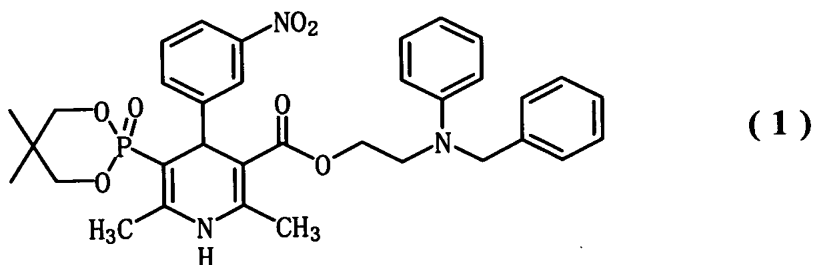


Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A process for producing an optically active substance of compound of formula (1)



characterized by comprising:

dissolving a racemate of the compound of formula (1) in a solvent to prepare a supersaturated solution; and

adding crystal of either one optically active substance of the compound of formula (1) as a seed crystal in the supersaturated solution to allow crystal of the one optically active substance added as the seed crystal to separate out; or

~~dissolving a mixture of the compound of formula (1) in which either one optically active substance thereof is present in excess in a solvent to prepare a supersaturated solution; and adding crystal of the one optically active substance present in excess as a seed crystal in the supersaturated solution to allow crystal of the one optically active substance present in excess to separate out.~~

2. (Original) The process for producing an optically active substance according to claim 1, wherein the solvent is alcohols or esters.

3-5. (Canceled)